

CONNECTICUT.

PROCEEDINGS

OF A

PUBLIC MEETING OF INHABITANTS OF WINDHAM,

In favor of rechartering the Bank of the United States.

MAY 26, 1834.

Postponed until 2d June.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Windham, in Windham county, State of Connecticut, called without distinction of party, holden at the Manufacturers' Hall, in the borough of Willimantic, on the 21st day of March, A. D. 1834, for the purpose of taking into consideration the present embarrassed state of our national currency, and the universal and unparalleled distress pervading the community, occasioned by reason of such embarrassment; and for the purpose of adopting such measures within their power as might be thought expedient, in order to ensure relief from the pecuniary misfortunes which press so heavily upon them, Amory A. Walker, Esq., was called to the chair, and John Tracy appointed Secretary.

The object of the meeting having been stated by the Chair, a committee was appointed to draught and report resolutions expressive of the views of this meeting in relation to the object of its call. Whereupon, the committee reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas it is not only the privilege but the duty of a free people to meet together and openly express their views in relation to the effects of the Government on the governed, and adopt such measures as they may deem necessary to preserve their rights; so it is their highest obligation, whenever ambitious and designing men take to themselves powers which belong to the whole people, to arise in their strength, and proceed boldly and fearlessly to counteract the misrule which is well calculated to involve the whole country in a broad scene of devastation and ruin; therefore,

Resolved, That we view with agitation and alarm the present deplorable condition into which this community and our country have been thrown within a few short months past.

Resolved, That we are free to sustain the President of the United States, while he confines his power to the true intent and fair interpretation of the constitution ; but can never yield (while independent freemen) the powers assumed, and the responsibility taken by our present Chief Magistrate, without great anxiety and distrust, believing it to evince a disposition to extend those powers far beyond the meaning and limitation of that instrument.

Resolved, That we view the removal of the deposites of the public treasure from the Bank of the United States as an act wholly uncalled for, without a shadow of reason, and totally at variance with the pledged faith of Congress, by its solemn act in granting its charter.

Resolved, That we are decidedly of the opinion that the removal of the public deposites has been, and is, the primary and leading cause of all our difficulties in relation to the currency of the country, having caused a want of confidence, which can never be regained while such wanton acts of usurpation are committed by our rulers, and tolerated by the people.

Resolved, That, from past experience, we do believe that a National Bank is highly expedient, and of vast importance in regulating the currency of the United States, and that a recharter, or an extension of the charter of the present Bank, with suitable modifications, ought to be immediately granted.

Resolved, That the Chairman and Secretary be authorized and instructed to sign the proceedings of this meeting, and to forward them to the Senators and Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States, with a respectful request that the same may be presented to the two branches of the National Legislature to which they respectively belong, with an urgent solicitation that they will use their unqualified exertions to effect the object of the memorialists.

A committee was appointed to draught and report a memorial to Congress ; which reported a memorial that was unanimously approved.

A committee was then appointed to circulate the memorial for the purpose of obtaining signers.

A. A. WALKER, *Chairman*.

JOHN TRACY, *Secretary*.